

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 80-150 are pending.

In the Official Action, Claims 80 and 120 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claim 18 of U.S. Patent No. 5,864,682. Applicants traverse the double patenting rejection, however to expedite progress towards an allowance, a Terminal Disclaimer relative to U.S. Patent No. 5,864,682 is filed herewith.

In view of the allowability of Applicants' independent claims, Applicants request rejoinder of withdrawn dependent claims 92-110 and 132-150.

Accordingly, in view of the present amendment and in light of the previous discussion, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request an early and favorable action to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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